

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, December 20th ~ 4th Sunday in Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Tuesday, December 22nd

11:45 a.m. Men's Lunch @FLC

Wednesday, December 23rd

7:00 a.m. Worship on Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. Quilters

Thursday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

Office Closed
7:30 p.m. Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 27th ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m. Worship Service of lessons, carols and music
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 27th:

Isa. 61:10-62:3
Ps. 148
Gal. 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

**Attendance last Sunday was 55
Youtube views and 23 in person**

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4th Sunday of Advent

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God keeps the promise made to David, to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

Welcome to All Our Guests and Visitors: The people of First Lutheran Church extend a very sincere welcome to you. For this morning's worship we will be using the Red Book (Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)). Ushers are available anytime for your assistance.

P: Pastor **A:** Assisting Minister **C:** Congregation * Please stand as you are able

Governors Mandate: We are not allowed to have congregational singing through January 4th. Ralph and Betty Kramlich will do 1 or 2 verses of each hymn. Please hum along.

PRELUDE: "Bring a Torch" ~ Massoud

ENTRANCE HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW #257

<u>Budget amounts:</u>	
November only:	+\$4,047.44
January-November:	+\$28,905.30

FLC Announcements

Special Offering for FISH Food Bank for the month of November was \$158.00, 77 pounds of food.

We also sent in \$150 for Community Christmas.

Christmas Eve Worship Service: This will be a carols and candlelight service with Holy Communion at 7:30p.m. “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:5

Please, dress warm for singing carols on the front sidewalk.

Pastor Dennis will be on vacation December 25- January 2nd. In an emergency please call him on his cell 509-929-2927.

The church office is closed December 28-31st.

Want to connect with us or be on our weekly email list? If you are would like to receive our weekly emails with the bulletin, music and online link, please notify the office at flceburg@yahoo.com

We are on Youtube, please subscribe to catch us each week. If you don't use the internet you can follow us on the radio AM 1240 live at 10a on Sundays.

Offering Envelopes: The 2021 offering envelopes are available in the fellowship hall. Stop by and pick yours up Sunday mornings if you attend service, or if you stop by the church to drop off your offering or for some other reason during the week. These are getting out earlier than normal to allow people more time to pick them up as you may not get to the church as often. Christine can help find yours when she is working during the week. For those that are not picked up by the end of the year they will be mailed out. If you have any questions let the church office know or contact James Stolte.

Cold Weather Shelter is looking for volunteers. The shelter will be at Grace Episcopal Church. If you are interested in signing up please, email them at eburgcws@gmail.com

† GATHERING †

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is the light and life of all the ages.

C Amen.

P Trusting in Jesus Christ, who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God,

C **we confess before you and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as you have commanded. Because of us, your whole creation suffers. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in your promise. Amen.**

P God's love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God nothing is impossible.

C Amen.

GREETING:

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE:

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister: David Lygre
Reader: Laurae Lygre
Sound Operator: Patty Akers
Altar Guild: Estelle Johnson

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Dennis Hickman
Organist - Betty Kramlich, Youth Director - Vacant
Office Administrator - Christine Rice



**Prayer
Requests**

Wolfgang Franz, Krista (hospitalized), Laurae Lygre (surgery 12/8), Wayne Fairburn (surgery 12/11), Renee Merten and family at the death of her father, Sorensen family at the death of Henry, Wade Lundson, Kendal & Isaac Postema, Diane Sabol, Mary Sue Johnson (lymphoma Lygre's sister in law), Don Loetterle, Angie Perkins Downs, Charlene Watterson, Suzanne Ponchene, Wanless' great granddaughter Rae Lynn Martinez (preemie), Geraldine Childress, Fred Watterson, Katie & Kalan Hope Klosterman (Debbie Butler niece & baby), Jan Riggs, Lani Maier, Ken Hunter, Erleen Beckley, Brooklyn Dawson, Samuel Herron, Yang-ae-Kim (Min's mother, dementia), Shane Williams, the people in the countries of the Middle East, for safety for all U.S. Service Men and Women and their families, especially Jake Ferris, Micah Barnhart, Erik Hurson, leaders of all nations, Immigrant families, and for peace in our world and in our families.

We pray also for our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Bread for the World, and FISH Food Bank.

*~Please update Pastor Dennis about people on the prayer list~
 If you have a prayer request, fill out the blue prayer request sheet located in the pew in-between the pencils and hand it to an usher.*

(Please remember that our Service is broadcast live on KXLE radio.)

OTHER HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

ELW # 283

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

A God for whom we wait, we give you thanks for this meal of life that you have set before us. May our sharing of this heavenly food, in which you are present even now, nourish our faith, strengthen us for service, and deepen our hunger for the coming of your reign on earth as in heaven.

C Amen.

† SENDING †

***BLESSING:**

P God our Father fill you with the light of divine love.

C Amen.

P Jesus, our Emmanuel, bring you assurance he will come again.

C Amen.

P The Holy Spirit lead you until the dawning of the new day.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING SONG:**

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267

***DISMISSAL:**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

“Joy to the World”

~ Cherwien

G Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
G Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

A Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Special Music (if available)

“Little Drummer Boy”

~ Allolah Holcomb

“Light One Candle “

Vs. 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Vs. 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

Vs. 3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

Vs. 4 Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!

†WORD†

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

Instead of David building a house (temple) for the Lord, the Lord promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, the Lord's anointed.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P The Words of Institution

C Amen

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For in person worship: The bread and grape juice are in individual serving cups on tables up front. The wafer is on top and juice beneath, First peel back the clear plastic for the wafer, then the foil for the grape juice.

For those who are taking part in the Lord’s Supper at home; Please give the bread to one another or yourself with the words “The body of Christ given for you.” Then give the wine or grape juice to one another or yourself with the words “The blood of Christ shed for you.” If you have children please lay your hands on their heads and bless them with words such as “The risen Jesus loves and saves you.” (Or similar words)

After worship please consume any remaining bread and wine/grape juice or return it to the ground from which it came. (Don’t throw it in the garbage.)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A God of faithfulness, we bring before you the precious gifts of your creation,
and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in
need and prepare for your Son's advent into our hearts.

C Amen.

† PRAYERS †

A In hope and expectation, let us pray for restoration and peace, light and life.

P You are with us, O God, and our spirits rejoice in your goodness, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior.

C Amen

† THE LORD'S SUPPER †

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

PSALM: **Read Responsively**

Psalm Luke 1

You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Luke 1:52)

My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,
⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,
⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.
From this day all generations will | call me blessed;
⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me,
and holy | is your name.
⁵⁰You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation.
⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm;
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,
⁵²casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.
⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things,
and sent the rich | away empty.
⁵⁴You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,
⁵⁵the promise made | to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

SECOND READING:

Romans 16:25–27

Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.

²Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***HOLY GOSPEL:**

Luke 1:26-38

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people (Mary) from little-known places (Nazareth). This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in his gospel.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor Dennis Hickman

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW #270

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

** catholic means universal*

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you.")

OFFERING:

"Away in a Manger"

~ Lasky

(Download Vanco Give Plus app to give via your phone.)

***OFFERTORY:**

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

ELW #276 v 1,2

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all! Christine the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!